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General Comment: Regarding what one presumes to be the direction of these newly proposed OSHA

rules concerning propellant powders (smokeless powder), black powder and small arms ammunition primers and or such ammunition, the following should be noted.

1. Propely handled, proper handling of such materials is largely a matter of common sense, not "rocket science", none of the above mentioned materials have been demonstrated to be especially dangerous, or to require unusual precautions beyond those currently specified in law and regulations.

2. Given the above, one wonders as to the "need" for this new rule making activity,

which is to ask the following. Is there a demonstrated need for new and more restrictive rules? Looking at the facts of the matter, stores of smokeless and black

powders, small arms ammunition and or the primers thereof aren't noticed heading skyward, the result of explosions, is there a need for this new rule making, or do

we here see simply the need for a government agency to demonstrate that it is doing something?

I submit that it is this possibility that should be considered, and that it is this

possibility that argues strongly against new and more restrictive rule making, which accomplishes nothing other than creating supply, availability and cost problems for legitimate end users of such materials, while it does nothing in the

direction of enhancing the public convenience or safety.